



**Organizational Design and Development  
Students Channel Immediate Office**

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# Context

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This document represents the results of the organizational design and development process for the Immediate Office in Students Channel. Accenture partnered with the Front Office team to examine the current organizational structure to make recommendations for the desired future state. This outlines the process to this design:

- Project Plan
- Approach
- Role Design
- Job Design
- Organizational Structure
  - Coordination of Jobs into Teams
  - Organizational Models
  - Interfaces with Internal and External Entities
- Transition Plan
- Appendix

# Project Plan

The project planning process is made up of three key components which build on one another to create the new organizational model. Once the approach is realized and agreed upon, the organizational design and development phase begins, followed by transition planning.

JANUARY				FEBRUARY			MARCH		
Week of January 8	Week of January 15	Week of January 22	Week of January 29	Week of February 5	Week of February 12	Week of February 19	Week of February 26	Week of March 5	Week of March 12
<b>APPROACH</b>		<b>ORGANIZATION DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT PHASE</b>							
√ Define project scope and objectives		√ Assess current organizational structure							
√ Develop project approach, timeline, and templates		√ Conduct interviews and define methodology							
		√ Determine responsibilities, tasks and activities that need to be performed							
		√ Group tasks into roles							
		√ Design jobs for core roles							
		√ Define required number of FTEs and grade levels							
		√ Determine centralization vs. decentralization of core business functions							
		√ Propose and select an operating organizational structure							
		√ Identify functional responsibilities and external interfaces							
		√ Craft PD's with unique qualifications							
		√ Create KSAs and crediting plans							
		• Recruit for new positions <i>(on hold due to moratorium)</i>							
		<b>TRANSITION PLAN PHASE</b>							
		• Fulfill staffing requirements <i>(on hold due to moratorium – effects remaining transition plan process)</i>							
		√ Communicate Organizational Model							
		• Transfer Knowledge, Skills and Responsibilities							
		• Orient new employees							
		• Train individual and new team							
		• Evaluate continuous improvement process							
<b>WEEKLY STATUS MEETINGS</b>									

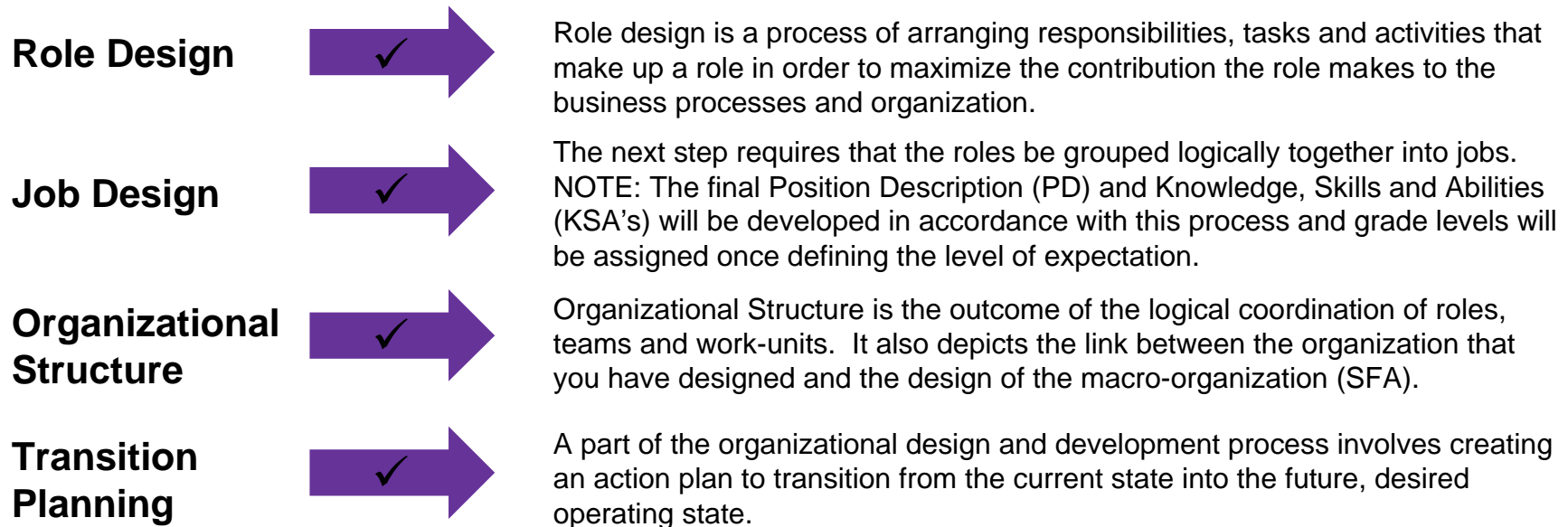
# Approach

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The objective of organizational design and development is to create or modify organizational structures, management processes, and sub-cultures to ensure alignment with the business purpose. The process involves charting a physical arrangement that will allow the organization to meet internal and external environmental needs. The physical arrangement involves the allocation of skills, technology and other resources needed to support an organization's processes, structure, jobs and teams. The high-level steps are as follows:

## BUSINESS PURPOSE

**The Immediate Office is responsible for providing the Students Channel with the necessary organizational and business management capabilities to support the mission of the Students Channel.**



# Role Design: Grouping Tasks Into Roles

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An effective role is one that makes sense to the employee, enables desired behaviors, and helps the organization meet its business objectives through a clear understanding of the tasks and processes.

## ***Criteria for Grouping, Eliminating and Adding Roles***

- Group common and related tasks
- Group tasks that require the same level of similar skills
- Eliminate the number of interfaces between roles
- Support performing a task from beginning to end where the role holder has clear responsibility for 'total' pieces of work
- Add roles that provide an easily identifiable impact on a process or customer
- Group roles that offer the holder the freedom to make decisions or perform tasks on his/her own while making a greater contribution to the business

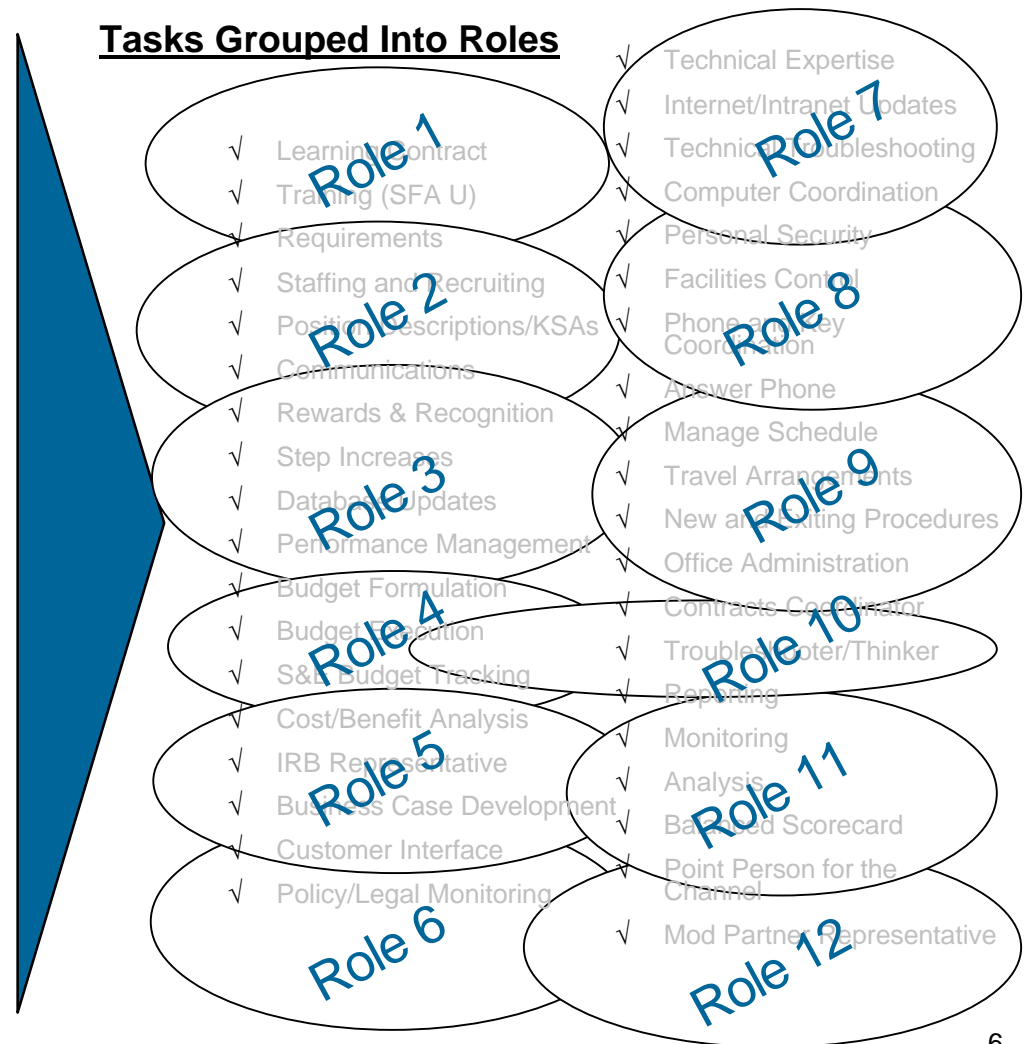
# Role Design

The steps to map tasks to roles involve: identifying natural grouping of tasks, mapping those tasks to roles and making sure all business processes and additional tasks are represented in the roles.

## Responsibilities, Tasks and Activities

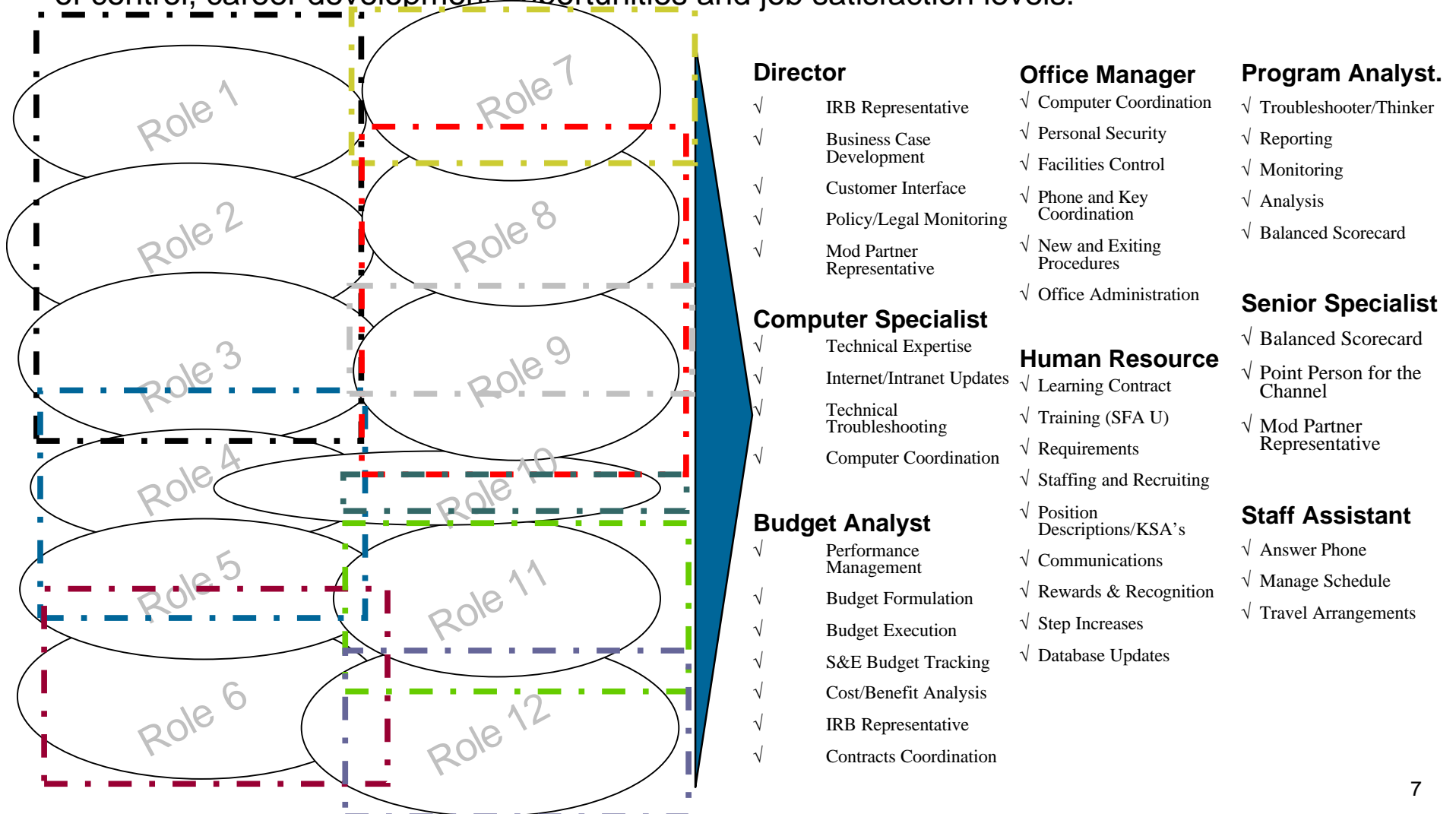
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| • Learning Contract          | • Technical Expertise          |
| • Training (SFA U)           | • Internet/Intranet Updates    |
| • Requirements               | • Technical Troubleshooting    |
| • Staffing and Recruiting    | • Computer Coordination        |
| • Position Descriptions/KSAs | • Personal Security            |
| • Communications             | • Facilities Control           |
| • Rewards & Recognition      | • Phone and Key Coordination   |
| • Step Increases             | • Answer Phone                 |
| • Database Updates           | • Manage Schedule              |
| • Performance Management     | • Travel Arrangements          |
| • Budget Formulation         | • New and Exiting Procedures   |
| • Budget Execution           | • Office Administration        |
| • S&E Budget Tracking        | • Contracts Coordinator        |
| • Cost/Benefit Analysis      | • Troubleshooter/Thinker       |
| • IRB Representative         | • Reporting                    |
| • Business Case Development  | • Monitoring                   |
| • Customer Interface         | • Analysis                     |
| • Policy/Legal Monitoring    | • Balanced Scorecard           |
|                              | • Point Person for the Channel |
|                              | • Mod Partner Representative   |

## Tasks Grouped Into Roles



# Job Design

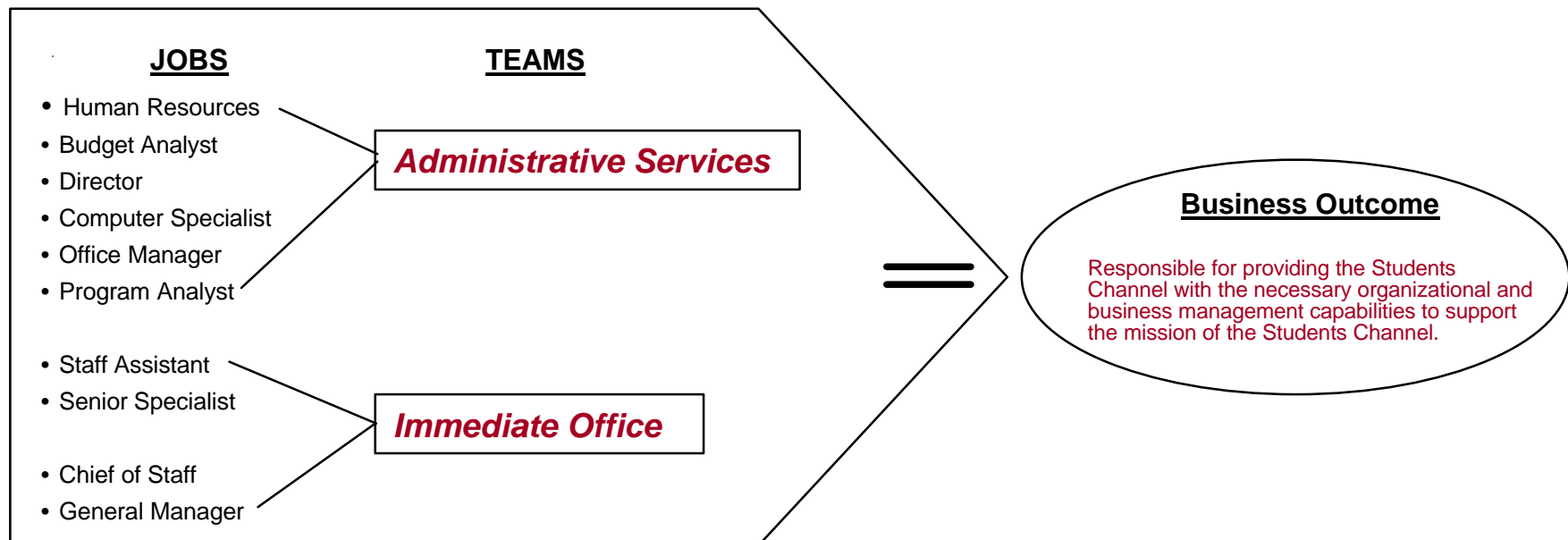
The next step requires that the roles be grouped logically together into jobs. Certain considerations have to be taken into account during job design: workload, required skills, span of control, career development opportunities and job satisfaction levels.



# Coordination of Jobs into Teams

The objective of team design is to group jobs with similar skills/knowledge, thereby ensuring that the delivery of service or products is done in a structured and timely manner. The logical grouping of jobs into teams promotes knowledge sharing and skills transferring while reaching the desired business objectives.

STEPS	DESCRIPTION
Determine Span of Control	The way the initiative defines jobs and teams in the organizational structure will determine span of control. The wider the span of control in an organization, the shorter or flatter the structure will be. This enforces the principle of empowered employees.
Determine Reporting Lines	The reporting relationship is determined by the way the Initiative designs teams within the organization structure. The reporting relationship includes direct coaching and team member reporting lines. This information should be included in the job description.





# Organizational Models

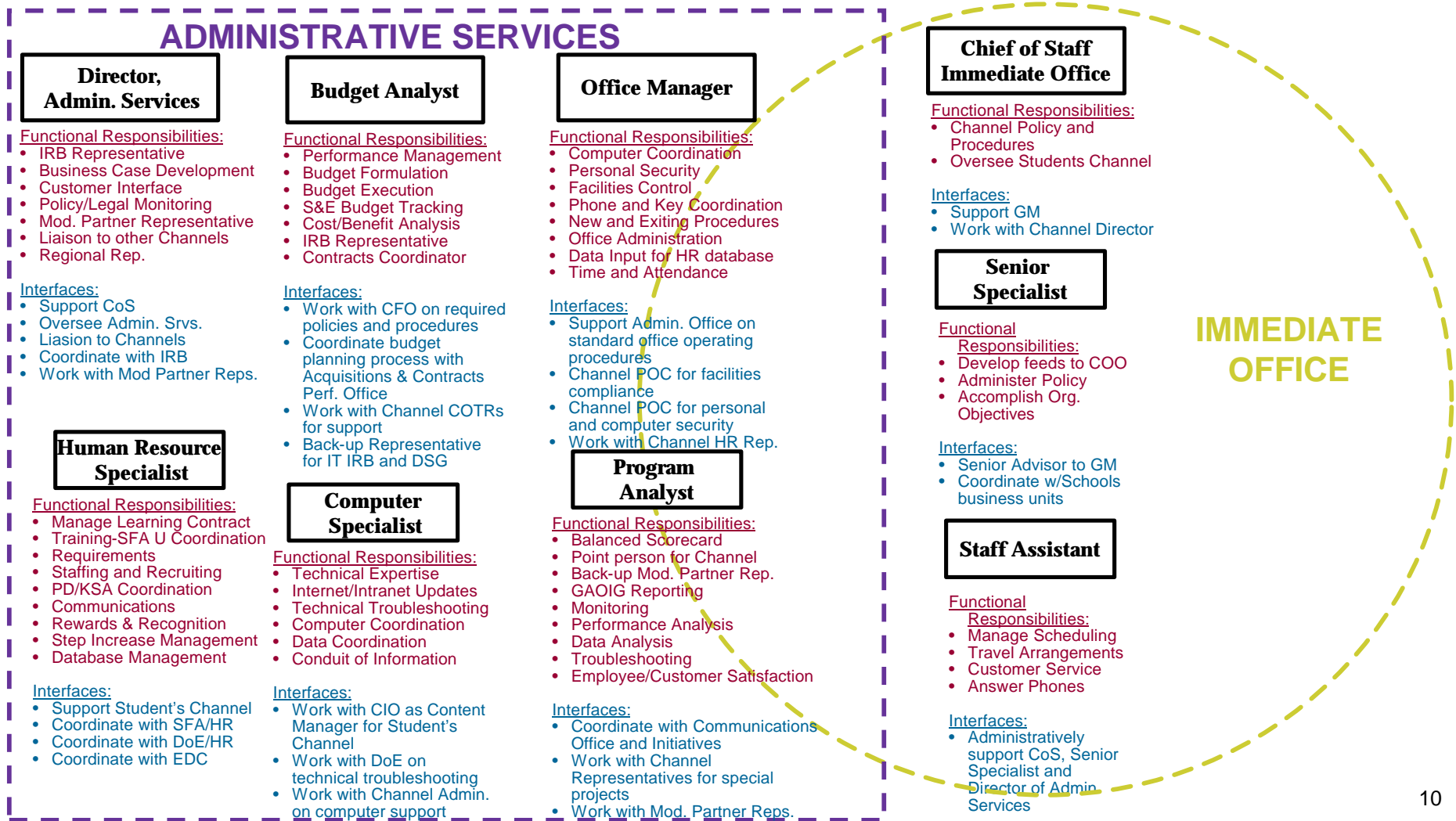
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The basic steps of the organizational structure process are: identify alternative “generic” models, assess alternatives and design a high-level operating model. The models highlighted in blue were considered by the Immediate Office.

- **Functional** - Traditional organization structure where responsibility rests with the top manager. Each functional area has its own expertise and reporting relationships and responsibilities. (Example: Department of Education)
- **Process** - An organization structure is designed by each major process. “Process owners” are identified for a process. Traditional reporting relationships are eliminated. (Example: Defense Logistic Agency)
- **Product** - The focus is on development of new products and management of existing products. New product groups are autonomous functional units with design, development, delivery, sales, service and marketing capabilities. (Example: Nike)
- **Matrix** - A functional and product manager shares reporting responsibility for performance. Allows for a collaboration and blending of skills to provide customer-focused results. (Example: Accenture)
- **Customer-Focused** - Focus is client-oriented, typical of service culture organizations that want a partnering customer relationship that is consultative and communicative. The structure is typically decentralized. (Example: Nordstrom)

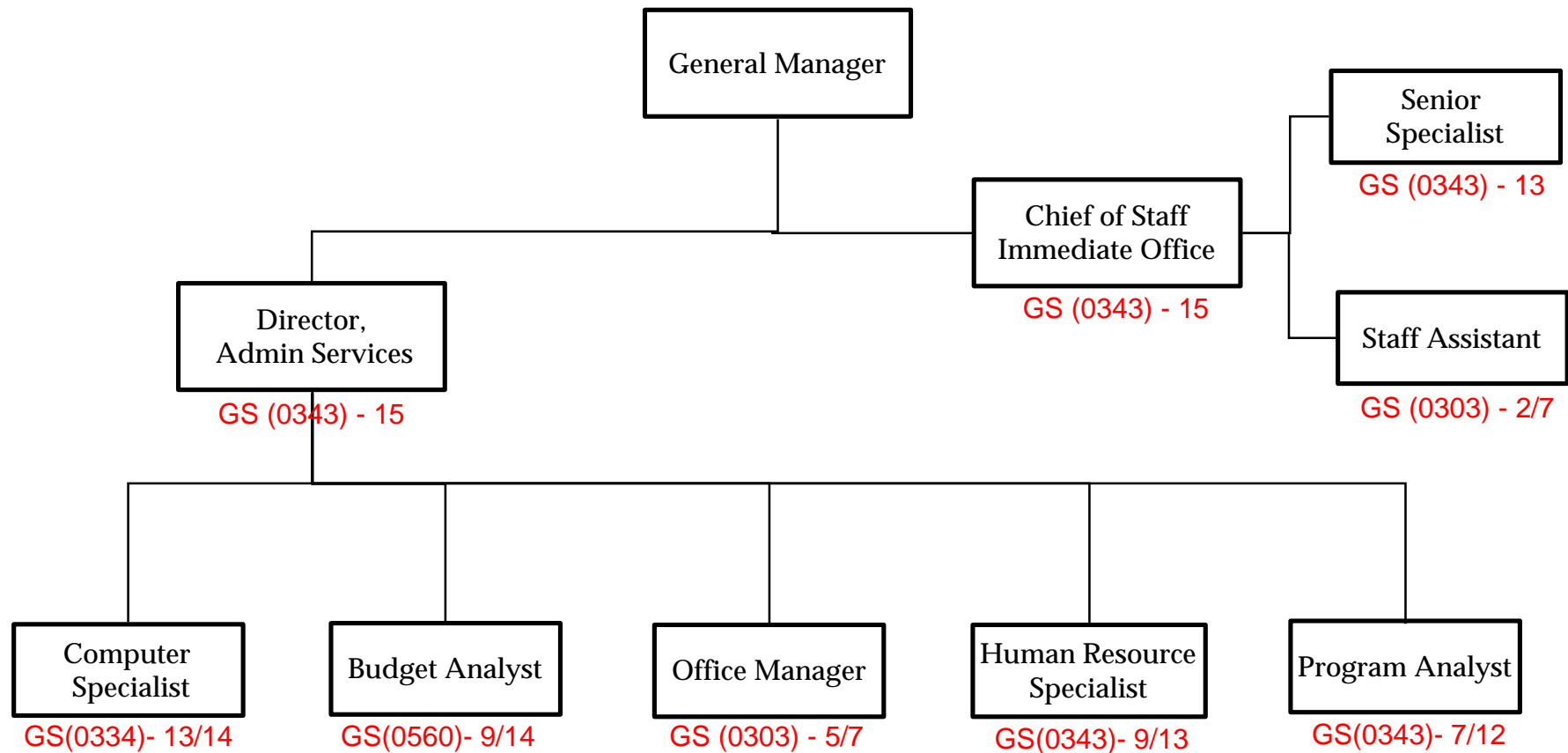
# Interfaces with Internal and External Entities

Assigning functional responsibilities to jobs provides the basis for developing unique requirements for the position description process. Understanding internal and external interfaces and relationships also enables the organization to function effectively.



# Students Channel - Immediate Office Organizational Structure

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9 FTEs Requested

# Transition Plan

Implementation of the transition process begins as soon as the organization design is approved. It is the process of converting the new organization design and processes to allow for the effective and complete implementation of the new organization. The major transition categories and activities are as follows:

